Plan (2002-2003 and 2003-2004), cumulatively, 2,28,783 micro enterprises have been set up and 2,21,005 persons, below poverty line, have been provided skill training.

Education after middle standard

† *277. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after passing out the 8th standard, every student is facing difficulty in getting further education due to shortage of schools in the country;

(b) the average number of children passing out 8th standard;

(c) the number of the schools upto 12th standard as on March, 2004; and

(d) the extent of their capacity for admission?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the available information based on the latest (7th) All India School Education Survey, the enrolment reported in Class VIII during 2001-02 was 1.32 crores out of which 1.17 crores had reached Class IX in the year 2002-03. As on the 30th September, 2002, there were 46,137 schools offering education upto the 12th standard. The total enrolment in Classes IX to XII, as on 30th September, 2002, was 3.32 crores in these schools.

Demand of engineers in gulf

*278. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian engineers are in great demand in gulf countries due to construction boom on account of robust oil prices;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.